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Winter will soon be here; now is the time to buy your Overcoat and be prepared.

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We offer for your selection the best and most complete assortment in this section of scrim and Marquisette by the yard, in plain, figured and fancy double border for all sorts of curtaining... **25¢ to 89¢** a yard
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9x12 heavy Axminster, slightly imperfect \$49.00	9x12 10-wire Tapestry... \$32.50
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It matters not what age he may be, you can buy a gift here which will not only please him but be of service to him. For men and boys of all ages we have ideal gifts—just the kind that will be appreciated after Christmas is over.

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HANDKERCHIEFS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS	GLOVES FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS
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Men's Silk Initial 50¢ to 75¢	Men's Domestic Mocha Gloves..... \$2.00 to \$3.00
Men's Plain Cotton 10¢ to 25¢	Men's Domestic Mocha Gloves, lined \$2.50 and \$3.00
Men's Hemstitched Linen 50¢ to \$1.00	Men's Horsehide, lined and unlined \$3.50 to \$6.00
Men's Fine Cambric Handkerchiefs, 6 in handsome Christmas box \$1.00	Men's Working Gloves, unlined..... 75¢ to \$2.00
Men's Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 3 in Christmas box \$2.00 to \$3.50	Men's Working Gloves, lined..... 75¢ to \$2.50
Men's Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs 50¢ to \$1.00	Men's Woolen Gloves and Mittens.... 50¢ to \$2.00
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	Men's Fur Mittens, Gauntlets..... \$5.50 to \$7.50

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Men's Cotton Hose, all colors 25¢ to 40¢	Nothing could be more acceptable for a gift than a good warm Sweater. We have them in all colors; some V-neck and some Coat Style, and some with Collars.
Men's Lisle Hose, all colors 40¢ and 50¢	Coat Style \$2.00 to \$10.00
Men's Silk Hose, all colors 65¢ to \$1.00	V-neck \$7.50 to \$10.00
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Men's Heavy Wool Hose 50¢ to \$1.50	Jumbo Weave, with Collar..... \$4.50 to \$8.50
Men's Cashmere Hose 75¢ to \$1.50	Boys' Sweaters \$2.00 to \$7.50
Boys' Black Cat Hose, according to size and weight 40¢ to 75¢	



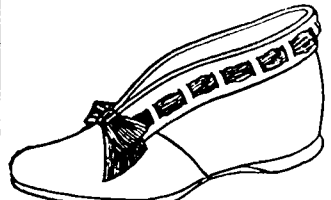
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NECKWEAR—Four-in-hands in a large variety of designs, wide open ends..... 35¢ to \$2.00 Four-in-hands in Christmas Box 75¢ to \$2.00	BATH ROBES—Give Him a Bath Robe—nothing better \$5.00 to \$12.00
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WESTFORD

Center. A very enthusiastic meeting of Post 159, A. L., was held last week. The new legion buttons were distributed and plans for the big dance on New Year's eve at the town hall were made.

Rev. O. L. Brownsey will speak Sunday morning at the Congregational church on "Seekers for God," and at the evening service the topic will be "Moulding human life."

Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth is back at school again after an attack of tonsillitis, and now her mother, Mrs. Lawrence, is sick with the same trouble.

Rev. A. R. Hussey, at the Unitarian church last Sunday afternoon, gave a scholarly and interesting discourse from the subject, "Children of light."

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Watson entertained the speaker of the Tadmuck club guest evening, J. L. Harbour, of Boston, at their home during his stay in town.

Mrs. John Shaddick and daughter Anna, now of Allston, were present at the Tadmuck club on Tuesday evening.

On Friday evening, January 9, under the auspices of Westford academy, a most attractive entertainment is being planned, when Edward Brigham, dramatic reader and basso profundo, will be the entertainer.

A very pleasant all-day Ladies Aid meeting, with good attendance, was held at the home of Mrs. Harry Gump on Thursday. A social dinner at noon was much enjoyed.

A gang of men are at work removing the rails of the branch line electric in the village.

The Misses Flanders, of Boston road, are to spend the remainder of the winter in Washington, D. C.

L. W. Wheeler has received word of the marriage of his brother, Roy B. Wheeler, in Denver, Col., to a young lady of that city.

An alarm was sent in Wednesday afternoon for a fire at the home of Timothy Sullivan on Boston road. The firemen made a quick response and it proved to be only a chimney fire and was soon under control.

The alarm was given by some men passing in a truck. With the high wind blowing much apprehension was felt by the Sullivan family and in addition to the good work in calling for help through the telephone exchange the church bells were rung as a general alarm.

A large amount of chimney soot was taken from the chimney and all were thankful that no serious damage was done.

It was a pleasure to have Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wright, of Cambridge, present at the guest night of the Tadmuck club.

This is the special week for the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals. The money received by the Red Cross from the sale of these seals goes to help fight tuberculosis. Miss Crocker, of the Frost school, is in charge for Westford Center, and it is not too late to buy what you can.

Harmon Whitton, living on Cold Spring road, has had a new telephone installed—13-12.

J. Herbert Fletcher is deploring the loss while out hunting of his favorite hunting dog, "Jack."

Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Prescott were in attendance on Wednesday at Horticultural hall, Boston, at the first session of the American Fox Breeders' association.

Tadmuck Club. Guest night at the Tadmuck club proved a very pleasant event this season. This was held in the Congregational church on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock with a large attendance of members and guests present.

The president, Mrs. William G. Bondenbush, called to order and extended a gracious welcome. Miss Helen Quigley, of North Pelham, gave a delightful trio of songs. J. L. Harbour was next introduced and gave his lecture "Blessed be humor." He proved a happy choice as the evening speaker for he proved a prince of good humor and gave a most enjoyable and enlightening hour.

The place has been about the same these tense days. The fire of Monday night, a fire of one of the stores of the town, out of a day's experience, and it is not too late to buy what you can.

These were the guests of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bondenbush, of Boston, were the guests of the evening. Mrs. W. R. Taylor, Mrs. O. L. Brownsey, and Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, and a group of assistants served cake and coffee.

The next meeting will be held on December 19, the subject to be announced later.

About Town. Clyde Prescott, master-elect, of P. A. Harmon, first-elect, of the Groton, and Mrs. Eben Prescott were elected as delegates to the state Groton.

The last meeting of the Groton was open to the public, who availed themselves of the opportunity to hear P. A. Harmon of the Groton give his interesting description with views on Yellowstone Park. It was so well and life-like that it seemed like a personal visit to the park. The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, December 18, and will be observed as Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Taylor motored to Waltham last Sunday, visiting relatives.

The monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held with Mrs. Arthur E. Day on last week Thursday. The usual business was transacted and several

from Granitville joined the order; eighteen members were present and several visitors. Mrs. Blaney sang in her usual sweetness. Refreshments following the exercises were served. Mrs. Janet Wright, pres., Mrs. Blaney, v. p., Mrs. Myers, sec., Mrs. G. P. Walker, treas. The speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. Alta Hollis, of Ayer, spoke on the W. C. T. U. White Ribbon Home for women of which she is secretary, and Mrs. Sawyer, of Clinton, president. This home in Ayer was originally built as a social center for soldiers at Camp Lyons, under the management of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Hollis is a well-known worker among the lines of temperance.

Rev. R. Spalding is cutting off a pine lumber lot at Carlisle station in the extreme southeast section of the town, close by where Littleton, Acton, Carlisle and Westford boundary lines converge. Mr. Spalding has not decided whether he will saw or sell the lumber in log form into the cars, the lot being located near the tracks of the Hartford and New Haven railroad.

The next farmers' institute will be held on Wednesday, December 17, at the Paige street Baptist church, Lowell. Morning, at 9.30, farmers' conference on fruit growing in Middlesex county; 10.30, address by Martin J. King, of New York, on "Growing nursery stock in New York State." Dinner and entertainment at noon. Afternoon, two o'clock, talk by Miss Helen Holmes on "Possibilities in flower-growing for women." Everybody is invited to invite everybody.

The branch electric railway from Westford to Brookside is being dismantled for discontinuance. The large working car and force of men are pushing towards the center where the work of stripping the road will begin. The Fitchburg and Lowell street railway are in charge.

Haying still goes on in several parts of the town; some are cutting the frosted second crop and some the frosted first crop of meadow. Some of this lateness is chargeable up to absentee on state guard duty in Boston.

Granitville. Court Granitville, F. of A., held a largely attended and interesting meeting in the rooms on Thursday night with Chief Ranger J. W. Shackleton in the chair. Much business of importance was transacted. It was also decided at this time to start a membership drive that will terminate the first meeting night in March. Suitable cash prizes will be given the leaders in this contest. The court is also planning on holding a smoke talk and get-together party early in January. The organization is in a fine financial standing at the present time and new members are being added rapidly.

The Abbot Worsted Co. has posted notices to the effect that there will be an increase in wages in its three mills, effective from December 1.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Davis and son Clarence of Knowlton, Que., have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Egan here. Mrs. Edwards was formerly Miss Etta May Duggdale of this village.

The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. Harry Ingalls on last week Thursday afternoon. At that time the members took the squares to be used at the quilting party to be held later.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Denio and son Donald of Henniker, N. H., have been recent visitors here.

Mrs. J. A. Healy has been on the sick list for the past few days.

Mrs. Elizabeth Buckingham is now stopping with her son Horace and family in Groton.

Post 159, American Legion, held a very important meeting in the fire house here on Tuesday night. Much business of importance was transacted at this time and plans were perfected for the big New Year's ball to be held in Westford town hall on January 1.

Cameron circle, C. of E., held a well attended meeting in its rooms on Tuesday night. Plans were formulated at this time for the social activities of the circle during the winter months.

Many people from this village attended the dance given by Lamson baseball club that was held in Association hall, Lowell, on Thursday night of last week. All report a very enjoyable time.

Forge Village. Mrs. William Cushaine is in charge of the sale of Christmas seals for the Red Cross in this village. Anyone wishing to purchase any of these seals may obtain them at the following headquarters: Mrs. O. Chair at Cameron school, Abbot Worsted Co. also, at the Red Cross office. Nothing needs to be said about the necessity of buying these seals. The proceeds from the sale are to be used by the Red Cross in the great fight against tuberculosis.

A large number of people from here attended the annual parish meeting of St. Andrew's church in Ayer. After the formal business the members of the parish were invited into the rectory where light refreshments were served.

The school children of this village were held in the school on Tuesday night for a most interesting and profitable time. This week's game will be played at Albert park between Lawrence and the local team on Saturday afternoon.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver, who has been very ill, is improving slowly.

LITTLETON. News Items. Littleton's Ladies were present at the numbers at the large hotel in Lexington Monday, but few of any of the herd were brought by the investors.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Brown spent Sunday in Waltham.

Recent guests of the Allen Smith family were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gilchrist of the "Braemore," Commonwealth avenue, Boston, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence B. Smith of Cambridge.

Mrs. Mattie K. Priest and son, Lieut. Karlton K. Priest, were week-end guests of the N. H. Whitcombs. In

Knitting in Yarns in colors At Manufacturers' Prices

Hanley Company Forge Village, Mass.

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This idea of everybody getting out and hustling for their own church, I am told has been tried several times, so why not federate. Each one will have to give up a few of their rigid ideas, no more than the other, and I believe that if they all walk in the middle of the road, if only for a few months, that they will be greatly surprised in the improvements of conditions which now exist that will take place.

From an outsider's standpoint, Littleton has been a one-man town all together, long for its own good, and let me say in closing that the old saying, "There is strength" fits this town very nicely. A. F. S.

George Hartwell left town the first of the week with friends from Harvard for an automobile trip south. Their objective point is St. Petersburg, Fla., 1700 miles distant and they expect to remain through the winter.

Robert Hartwell was home from Durham, N. H., over the week-end.

Rev. Gall Cleland was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Conant last Sunday.

A meeting of the Congregational church was held in the vestry Thursday evening to discuss the advisability of calling a minister.

Rev. Mr. Horst of Wollaston will preach from the Unitarian pulpit Sunday.

Mrs. A. W. Knowlton and A. Heywood Knowlton of Cheshire, Conn., expect to come home at the present time for their vacation of three weeks.

Mrs. Langdon Prouty will open her home to the Merry Go Round ladies next week Thursday.

Ernest Lund's little girl, who was bitten by a mad dog a few weeks ago, took the serum all right and has had no ill effects. She is at present quarantined for scarlet fever, but is getting along well.

Miss Ruth Sawyer, who is taking the nurse's training, had the misfortune to swallow a pin, necessitating an operation two weeks ago last Monday. She is now at Dr. J. D. Christie's, convalescing.

There are twenty-five cases of whooping cough reported and enough others suspected to increase the number to forty. Most of the patients are residents of the Common.

Miss Gladys Crawford is still in the Greenfield hospital, where she will probably have to remain until after Christmas. A week ago she was not doing well, but this week we learn that she is improving somewhat slowly but surely.

For the first time at popular prices D. W. Griffith's supreme triumph, "Hearts of the world," at Page's hall, Ayer, next Monday and Tuesday, Children 15c., adults 25c.

L. W. C. Guest evening at the Woman's club was a most happy event of the season. A good number of members and their guests assembled Monday in the Unitarian vestry, where they were welcomed by the president, Mrs. Allen P. Hartwell. A very pleasant musical entertainment was given by Mrs. Charlotte Tenney and Miss Emma E. Tenney in a piano duo, and by the club trio in vocal selections. Hon. Arthur K. Peck of Brookline gave his splendid lecture on "Italy" beautifully illustrated with wonderfully clear pictures he had taken and in his delightful manner held the attention of his appreciative audience from his happy introductory story to the conclusion. Mrs. Peck was present and on this occasion assisted the lecturer by operating the stereopticon.

After the literary and musical program the company repaired to the dining hall below the auditorium, which was attractively furnished with all that contributes to an atmosphere of cheer and cordiality. Art squares, screens, easy chairs, small tables with ornaments and poinsettia blossoms, red berries and little pines artistically grouped lent much to the pleasing effect in way of decorations and completed the appointments conducive to the "at home" spirit of the social hour. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by the hospitality committee, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Abbott.

Death. Clarence Edwin Jackson passed away on Monday, December 8, at his home in New-ton district. Death was due to heart disease, aggravated by a heavy cold that he had recently contracted. For several months his health had been falling, and since

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This idea of everybody getting out and hustling for their own church, I am told has been tried several times, so why not federate. Each one will have to give up a few of their rigid ideas, no more than the other, and I believe that if they all walk in the middle of the road, if only for a few months, that they will be greatly surprised in the improvements of conditions which now exist that will take place.

From an outsider's standpoint, Littleton has been a one-man town all together, long for its own good, and let me say in closing that the old saying, "There is strength" fits this town very nicely. A. F. S.

George Hartwell left town the first of the week with friends from Harvard for an automobile trip south. Their objective point is St. Petersburg, Fla., 1700 miles distant and they expect to remain through the winter.

Robert Hartwell was home from Durham, N. H., over the week-end.

Rev. Gall Cleland was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Conant last Sunday.

A meeting of the Congregational church was held in the vestry Thursday evening to discuss the advisability of calling a minister.

Rev. Mr. Horst of Wollaston will preach from the Unitarian pulpit Sunday.

Mrs. A. W. Knowlton and A. Heywood Knowlton of Cheshire, Conn., expect to come home at the present time for their vacation of three weeks.

Mrs. Langdon Prouty will open her home to the Merry Go Round ladies next week Thursday.

Ernest Lund's little girl, who was bitten by a mad dog a few weeks ago, took the serum all right and has had no ill effects. She is at present quarantined for scarlet fever, but is getting along well.

Miss Ruth Sawyer, who is taking the nurse's training, had the misfortune to swallow a pin, necessitating an operation two weeks ago last Monday. She is now at Dr. J. D. Christie's, convalescing.

There are twenty-five cases of whooping cough reported and enough others suspected to increase the number to forty. Most of the patients are residents of the Common.

Miss Gladys Crawford is still in the Greenfield hospital, where she will probably have to remain until after Christmas. A week ago she was not doing well, but this week we learn that she is improving somewhat slowly but surely.

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After the literary and musical program the company repaired to the dining hall below the auditorium, which was attractively furnished with all that contributes to an atmosphere of cheer and cordiality. Art squares, screens, easy chairs, small tables with ornaments and poinsettia blossoms, red berries and little pines artistically grouped lent much to the pleasing effect in way of decorations and completed the appointments conducive to the "at home" spirit of the social hour. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by the hospitality committee, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Abbott.

Death. Clarence Edwin Jackson passed away on Monday, December 8, at his home in New-ton district. Death was due to heart disease, aggravated by a heavy cold that he had recently contracted. For several months his health had been falling, and since

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Later messages from the relatives of Mrs. John Parker state that her death occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Helen (Parker) Evans, in Kalamazoo, Mich., Sunday, November 30.

A patrol of ten members of the Girl Scouts, with their captain, Mrs. Blanche Allen, and lieutenant, Miss Downing, and Dunton, went to the Homestead on Monday evening and presented the convalescent soldier boys staying there with a fine Victoria and several records.

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Myron Murphy, assistant at the Worcester and Nashua division of the Boston and Maine, in the freight office finished his work at this station on Monday as he has accepted a position as station agent at Lincoln square, Worcester, and assumes his new duties soon.

The Epworth league social at the Methodist parish house on Friday evening of last week, which is becoming increasingly popular among the young people, was a "college social."

The boys, as well as Mr. Hamilton's family, were agreeably surprised recently by the arrival of the host's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Allardice, and daughter Janice, Mrs. Lillian McGarry and son, Sgt. McGarry, and a friend, Mr. Hartwell, who motored from Clinton.

Mrs. McGarry has contributed the Christmas Science Mentor to the Homestead reading-room for one year. Several other books and magazines have also been contributed for the perusal of the boys by local donors.

Mrs. A. S. Woodward went to Ayer for a visit with relatives on Friday of last week. From there she intends to go to Geneva, N. Y., to pass the winter months at the home of her son, Albion Newell.

Howard Shattuck is expected home for the Christmas holidays from Northfield, Vt., where he is attending the Norwich university, about December 17.

Miss Ella Hewes passed a part of last week in Boston and the suburbs with relatives, Miss Ruth Miller taking a short vacation at her own home.

Mrs. L. E. Starr, accompanied by Marion Hathaway Starr, went to Ayer on Monday, being en route for her annual trip south. She expects to join a party and may not leave for Florida until the last of the month.

Mrs. George Mahoney left for Middleboro last week on Wednesday, after a few weeks' stay in town with relatives.

Mrs. E. J. Davis and Mrs. John Melendy were in attendance at the Pomona Grange at Lowell on Friday of last week.

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Miss Ida Shattuck accompanied her brother, E. E. Shattuck, back to Charlestown by auto on Friday of last week, following his short visit here.

Eleanor Rice, as a member of the Sunday school class of Mrs. E. D. Walker, and one of the band of "Little Helpers," was given a party by her teacher in the church parlors last week, her birthday occurring on Tuesday, December 2. There were seven members of the class present to enjoy the games from four to six o'clock, and afterward the dainty collation, served by a fine birthday cake with twelve candles, one for each year.

Mrs. Earl Farnsworth and daughter and Miss Bertha Farnsworth, both of Ayer, visited in town on Monday at the home of J. E. Andrews, River street, and the latter with Mrs. Starr, to assist in her final preparations for leaving for the south.

At the meeting of the Branch Alliance there was the usual attendance at the business meeting and lunch. Rev. B. W. Drawbridge and wife were specially invited guests at the latter. The speaker of the afternoon was Rev. E. M. Slocombe, who spoke in congratulatory manner of the attitude toward the Community church, as effected by the union of the two societies. The Christmas sale opening at three o'clock, under the charge of Mrs. N. W. Appleton, for the finance committee of the Alliance, was well patronized and successful.

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The deceased is survived by a widow, two sisters, Mrs. W. N. Mault, of Springfield, and a brother, Harry Williams, of this town.

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Advertisement for Union Cash Market and YATES' GARAGE, listing various goods for sale and providing contact information for the businesses.

Saturday, December 13, 1919

GROTON

News Items

At the meeting of the E. S. Clark post, G. A. R., last week Friday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Charles H. Berry, com...

Last Saturday evening some excitement was caused about town by the appearance of a bright light on the eastern sky, which proved to come from J. B. Raddin's meadow, which was burned over that day for the purpose of clearing off the dead grass before toiling the meadow.

The Book and Thimble club met on Friday afternoon, December 5, with Mrs. Ellen Barrows and devoted the afternoon's discussion to miscellaneous topics. The next meeting will be held on December 19 at the home of Mrs. Sims, continuing the same plan for the afternoon's discussion.

Robert May took Howard Gilson's place on his rural free delivery route during the latter's attack of tonsillitis. Mr. Gilson is now back on his route.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gates have the sympathy of their friends and neighbors in the loss of their little daughter on Friday, December 5.

The second of the season's course of the Blood-Bigelow free public lectures will be given in the town hall on Tuesday evening, December 16, by Miss Katharine Ridgeway, who will give an evening of miscellaneous readings, commencing promptly at eight o'clock. Doors open at 7.30.

For the first time at popular prices the W. Griffith's supreme triumph, "Hearts of the World," at Page's hall, Ayer, next Monday and Tuesday. Children 15c, adults 25c.

Last Monday evening William H. Fernald, who lives in the vicinity of Knapp's pond, heard a knock at the door of his house, and on going to the door found a man there who said that his truck had broken down not far from there and asked if he might come to the telephone, and then on the pretext of wanting a drink of water, walked about the house and finally went out. Soon after Mr. Fernald heard another knock at the door and on answering it was confronted by the same man, who fired a revolver just over his head. The two men clinched and Mr. Fernald was knocked down twice in the struggle. Finally overpowering Mr. Fernald the robber took about \$40 from him and left. Mr. Fernald, although considerably bruised, is able to do his work.

Francis Hayes was one of the hunters who were so fortunate as to secure a deer during the season allowed by the law.

Mrs. Fred G. May is to be the hostess at the next meeting of the Neighborhood Club, which will be next Wednesday. It will be an all-day sewing meeting.

The Grange held its regular meeting last Tuesday evening. On Tuesday evening, December 23, there is to be a Christmas tree, an entertainment and a lunch. It is most earnestly desired that every member be present. Everyone is asked to bring some ten-cent article as a contribution to the tree. This will be the last meeting of the year and plans are being made for a grand social time.

Visitors at the Groton dog show last September may remember Mrs. James T. Hill's Walker foxhound that took the blue ribbon for foxhounds at that time. He is a large tan-colored dog with black back and tail. He has been missing from home since Monday morning and it is feared that he has fallen a victim to the practice of trapping notes at night.

There was a whist party for gentlemen at Odd Fellows' hall last Wednesday evening. There were seven tables. The first prizes were packages of sugar and the booty prizes were packages of peanuts. The winners of first prizes were George Lawrence, Harold Woods, Sidney Davis and Alex. Brebnar.

Mrs. George Woods and Mrs. Ella P. Woolley attended the meeting of the State Grange which occurred on December 9, 10 and 11.

Willard Talles had the misfortune to lose a pig lately, which means quite a money loss in these days of high prices.

Marion Kemp was operated upon last Monday at Dr. Ayres' hospital. The operation was performed by Dr. Goodwin, assisted by Drs. Priest and Ayres.

Rev. Thomas Landale, of Haverhill, will be the preacher at the Congregational church on Sunday. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance at the morning service, as contributions are to be made for the candy for the Christmas tree, and candy is so much more expensive than in former years that not more than half the sum needed has been raised yet.

The grounds about the residence of the late Dr. Samuel A. Green present quite a changed appearance. The general of the trees have been cut down and others have had their tops cut off, while some of the trees have been left to testify to the work accomplished.

The season is now at hand when contributions of seeds and plants, and especially pieces of fruit, are greatly appreciated at the home of the Grange. These contributions have been made from the homes of the members and well-to-do people. When you have a few plants or seeds do not forget to mention them.

The Massachusetts State Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Middlesex-North Agricultural society, will hold the second farmers' institute at the Paige street Baptist church, Lowell, on Wednesday, December 17, with sessions at 9.20 in the morning and two o'clock in the afternoon. Dinner will be served at two o'clock. The subject of the farmers' institute will be "The New Year's Resolutions." At 10.30 Martin King, Jr., of Danville, N. Y., will speak on "Growing of nursery stock in New York State." There will be after-dinner speaking with musical entertainment. The afternoon topic will be "Possibilities in flower-growing for women." Miss Helen Holmes will be the speaker. Farmers and fruit-growers and all interested will be welcome.

Harrison Hatch shot a deer on Tupper hill in Lebanonburg on the first day that the law was off.

W. F. Gleason is now the janitor at the Congregational church.

Milo Harrington has a new Ford car.

The barber and his family have moved from John Fitzgerald's house to the Potter house on Hollis street, lately vacated by W. F. Gleason and family.

Mrs. William Gale is now improving in health.

A large number from here went to Ayer last Sunday to see "The miracle man."

A dinner and conference for the Republican League club leaders in the eighth Middlesex senatorial district was held at Groton Inn on Friday evening of last week. The leaders from the various towns in the district and from Ayer were present, as well as Robert N. Turner, secretary of the league, and Charles Nichols, field secretary of the league. During the dinner singing under the direction of one of the league's song leaders, Abel R. Campbell, of Lowell, was nominated as director of the state organization of the league to serve from this district for the coming year. Mr. Turner told of the plans of the league for this winter and for the coming year, and a general discussion of local questions took place.

John Fitzgerald has had a telephone installed at his house—61-4.

Born on Tuesday, December 9, at Dr. Ayres' hospital, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis.

Fred G. May has so far recovered from his accident as to be able to ride on the truck for a couple of trips, but is not yet able to run it.

Almon L. Call went to New York last Thursday to meet his wife, who has returned from a visit in France and Switzerland.

Rev. William J. Ganley is to preach at the Unitarian church next Sunday in exchange with Rev. Chas. B. Ames. Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., took their candidates to Beacon lodge, Peppercell, last Thursday evening to give them the second degree.

Robert Sargent has been ill for the past two weeks.

P. A. Weber returned last Saturday from his visit in Dorchester.

Mrs. Harry Robblee entertained the Community club on Gentlemen's night last Wednesday evening with a whist party. The prizes were won by Mrs. Arthur Woods, Mr. Northrup, Mrs. Durant and Henry Bradley. There was singing by the entire company and also by the Misses Davis, Miss Ethel Patterson and Miss Addie Robblee. A most delicious and varied buffet lunch was served by the hostess. The invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Boynton, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Woods, Mrs. E. C. Leonard and Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery of Ayer. The party continued until a late hour and the guests expressed themselves as greatly pleased with their entertainment and delightful social time. The next meeting of the club will be two weeks later and will be held at the home of Mrs. John Bradley.

School Notes

All the public schools in town will close for the Christmas recess on Friday, December 19, and will open on Monday, January 5.

Nesbit L. Woods has a new motor truck for the transportation of the school children on the Boston road. During this week Miss E. F. Vickery of the Woman's club presented to the members of the junior and senior classes of the high school the opportunity to participate in a prize essay contest, offered by the State Federation of Women's clubs. The occasion of the contest is the tercentenary celebration of the landing of the pilgrims.

Closing exercises of various schools, December 12. The general subject of the rhetorical exercises at the high school is Dickens' Christmas carols. The program is as follows: Marley's ghost, Harvey Lawrence, Stella Sargent; the ghost of Christmas past, Edward Webber, Dorothy Stevens; the ghost of Christmas present, Charles Murphy, Gertrude Blood; the ghost of Christmas yet to come, Clifford Folkins; Christmas day, Ruth Bennett. There will be special Christmas music under the direction of Miss Lowe.

The Christmas exercises at the Bournwell school will be held in the assembly hall at one o'clock, under the direction of Mrs. Wilson. There will be an entertainment and Christmas tree and carols by the entire school, each room taking part in the program.

There will be a Christmas party at the Tarbell school under the direction of Miss Murray. The entertainment will consist of carols and violin solos, and a Christmas surprise for the little folks.

Trowbridge school is looking forward to its Christmas tree under the direction of its kind benefactress, Mrs. William P. Wharton.

The parents and friends of the pupils are cordially invited to all these entertainments.

On Friday evening, December 19, the high school party will be given in the town hall.

The superintendent of schools will be in her office at the high school building every Tuesday afternoon from two to five o'clock. An appointment card is made on any other afternoon or evening. Her telephone 216; office telephone 48-2.

Interesting Meeting

The first annual meeting of the Massachusetts Bureau of Agricultural Economics was held on Friday, December 5, at Foul Hall, Boston, with a most interesting program. Mrs. Charles J. Redwith presided. After a report of the bureau by Alfred J. Harting, there were brief remarks on the year's progress on such topics as organization and finance, agriculture, horticulture, home economics and food work. The morning address was given by Dr. Royce L. Butterfield, president of Massachusetts Agricultural college. Dinner was served at two o'clock, followed by community singing.

George H. Ellis opened the afternoon's exercises with introductory remarks. Miss Hazel Miller, county canning club champion, and Willard Tuttle, county market garden champion, entertained the audience with stories of experience and with such simplicity and unaffectedness of manner as to merit special commendation. In the absence of Gov. Cochrane, who was unable to be present, Lieut. Gov. Cox gave the afternoon's address.

After impromptu and community singing the time from 2 to 2.30 was devoted to forums on the topics of agriculture, home economics and food work, with Louis W. Pease, Mrs. James J. Storow and Roseline W. Bird presiding. This closed the afternoon session.

At the morning session the speaker on horticulture was Albert R. Jenks, who is to speak on Saturday evening at the free lecture and entertainment given by the Farmers' and Mechanics' club.

Among those from Groton who attended this meeting in Boston were F. D. Lewis, G. S. Knapp, W. P. Wharton, E. O. Collier and Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bixby.

Red Cross Christmas Seals.

As Christmas approaches everyone is asked to buy Red Cross Christmas seals. The seals should adorn every holiday package and letter. The money realized from the sale of these seals will go almost to the last penny toward the anti-tuberculosis battle in towns in which the seals are sold. The balance will help to finance the work of the National Tuberculosis association in its support of work throughout the country.

Tuberculosis kills producers—chiefly men and women between the ages of 15 and 45. It claims—active men and women in the homes, the office and the shop. It causes 150,000 deaths in the United States every year. It costs the United States in economic waste alone about \$500,000,000 annually. More than 1,000,000 persons in this country are suffering from active tuberculosis' right now. It menaces every community, every home and every individual. And yet tuberculosis is curable and preventable.

The Red Cross Christmas seal drive asks as little and deserves as much as any drive in which we have been privileged to join. Its benefits reach all of us in some measure and mothers and children most of all.

Red Cross seals are being sold from house to house in Groton. They are also on sale at Bruce's store and will be sold at the postoffice Friday and Saturday nights.

Farmers' and Mechanics' Club.

There was quite a gathering at the meeting, last Tuesday night of the Farmers' and Mechanics' club and twenty-eight new members paid their dues for 1920. Frank L. Blood gave a very interesting talk on membership. His remarks were enthusiastically received and much good undoubtedly will result from his talk. An oyster supper is to be held on the night of the election of officers which takes place in the early part of January. Moseley Hale and Charles Wright are the committee on the supper and with these two live wires the members can rest assured that a bang up supper will be served. The next meeting should bring in a lot of new members. It is interesting to note the election of officers over one hundred members will have been enrolled. Get in line. The Farmers' and Mechanics' club is progressing and we understand the oyster supper will be well worth the cost of membership.

Blood-Bigelow Lecture Course.

The next entertainment in the Blood-Bigelow free lecture course will be given in the town hall next Tuesday evening by Miss Katharine Ridgeway, reader. Since Miss Ridgeway has never appeared in this town before a brief sketch of her life and work may be of interest at this time. Katharine Ridgeway is a native of Atlanta, Ga., but most of her childhood was spent in the far northwest. While a student at the University of Washington she heard Nella Brown Pond read. Previous to that time Miss Ridgeway had never heard of a public reading as a profession, but such was the influence of Mrs. Pond's art and personality upon the young student that after the recital Miss Ridgeway announced to her friends that she would become a reader.

As soon as she finished her course at the university she went to Boston and for two years studied at the Boston School of Orators and with Miss Emma Greeley, founder of the Greeley School of Dramatic Art, she was engaged by the Redpath bureau as reader for the Boston quartet. She was with this well-known quartet for two years. She is today acknowledged to be the best-known reader in her particular line in the United States. She has been heard with great appreciation in nearly every city of the United States. In this connection hundreds of press notices might be quoted if space permitted, telling not only of Miss Ridgeway's great art, but also of her great message. She always carries a gospel of good cheer.

Original Poem

The following poem was written by Mrs. Laura E. Richards for the guest night of the Woman's club held recently:

WELCOME, neighbors, one and all: Joy and gladness you befall! Here we gather all together Careless of November weather. (Wind and rain and frost and snow cannot fright us, we know that. They're the kind of things we lot on, living here in goodly Groton. Where Dame Nature, gay and good, Tries to please our every mood, And offering weather to our mind, Gives us some of over-kind! Here we gather, as I say, On this Post-Thanksgiving Day. Full of thoughts of friendly cheer, I greet our neighbors here. When one then abroad would roam, The dear returning ones Shine in their familiar places: But today we long to share In the joy we gathered there. Round the fireplace and the board, Shame on her who'd wish to board Her Thanksgiving homely pleasure. And not share in goodly measure. With the neighbor or the friend Who in turn her joy will dearest. Till all hearts alike may rise Full of happy memories. 'Come! Away, my dearest! Let us all be brisk and jolly, Laughing here and chaffing there. Till our mirth infect the air. Till the very wind that blows Laughs in echo as it goes. Welcome, neighbors, one and all: Joy and gladness you befall!

About Town

Mrs. George H. Cook of Nashua came to assist her mother, Mrs. Woolley, at the sale Saturday afternoon.

Forster Porter is on the sick list and under the doctor's care.

The odd-fellows worked the first degree on one candidate Monday night. They went to Peppercell Thursday night.

Mrs. Jane Clark returned from her visit to Manchester this week.

Mrs. George H. Woods and Mrs. E. P. Woolley attended the session of the State Grange in Worcester this week. Mrs. Woods was the delegate from Groton Grange.

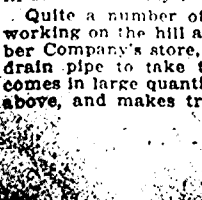
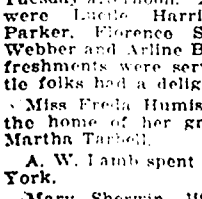
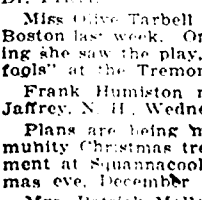
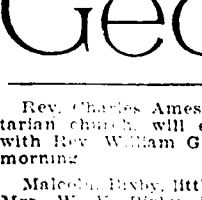
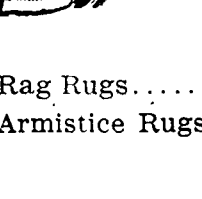
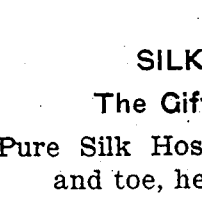
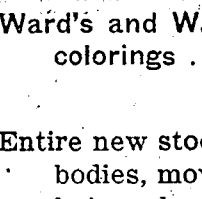
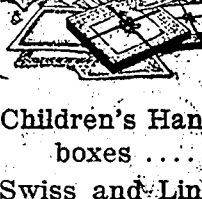
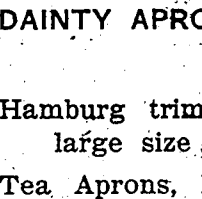
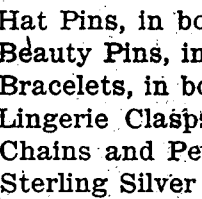
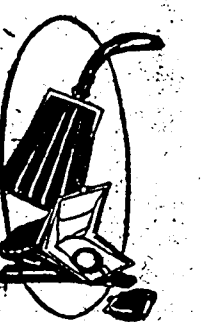
William A. Lawrence is expected home from the hospital soon.

Miss Doris Peabody was home over Sunday.

On Sunday afternoon, December 14, there will be an every-member canvass of the village to secure pledges for the fund to defray the expenses of the Christian Union church for the year 1920. This drive is in charge of A. W. Lamb. In the evening, at the regular meeting of the church, the results of the canvass will give the result of their efforts. It is hoped that a large number of people may be present.

Albert Robinson received his discharge from the army at Ft. Belvoir, W. Va. He was in the service about two years as a radio operator. At present he is working at Hollingsworth & Vose, paper mill.

PRESENTS FOR EVERYONE



The Boston Store GEO. B. TURNER & SON AYER, MASS. Gifts That Serve IT'S THE THOUGHT BEHIND THAT COUNTS—THINK BEFORE YOU BUY. THIS, OF ALL YEARS, MAKE YOUR GIFTS PRACTICAL—A SOMETHING WITH NOT ONLY A "TODAY," BUT A "TOMORROW." HERE ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS: JEWELRY and LEATHER GOODS. Fine Leather Handbags and Envelope Purses, the season's newest styles... \$1.00 to \$8.00. Velvet Handbags, made on handsome frames; colors, black, navy, taupe... \$1.50 to \$5.00. Dainty Aprons for Christmas Gifts. Hamburg trimmed, medium and large size Aprons 59¢ to \$1.00. Tea Aprons, Hamburg and lace trimmed 25¢ to \$1.00. Handkerchiefs for Christmas. Make Excellent Gifts for Every Member of the Family. Ladies' Embroidered Swiss and Linen Handkerchiefs 10¢ to \$2.00. Initial Handkerchiefs, fine quality Swiss 25¢. Children's Handkerchiefs, two and three in fancy boxes 12¢, 17¢ and 29¢. Swiss and Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs in fancy boxes, two to six in a box 29¢ to \$2.00. Ward's and W. H. Holiday Stationery in boxes, new colorings 25¢ to \$4.00. Dolls. Entire new stock of Dolls, small and large, stuffed bodies, movable arms and legs some with real hair and movable eyes \$1.00 to \$14.00. Hosiery. The Gift That Pleases. Pure Silk Hosiery, double heel and toe, heavy garter top \$2.75 to \$4.25. Fibre Silk Hose, seam back \$1.50. Rugs. Rag Rugs \$2.39 to \$4.75. Armistice Rugs \$3.98. Towels. Gifts for the Home. Men's Neckwear. Large Assortment. New Patterns 65¢ to \$2.00. For Sale. 1919 Thor Electric Washing Machine \$90.00, cost \$125; condition perfect; leaving state and do not wish to put in store. THOMAS E. BENNER, Peppercell, Mass., Tel. 109. For Sale. One dozen Chester White Pigs. Will weigh from 25 to 45 lbs. each, 10 weeks old. \$5.00 each. J. J. MILLER, Shirley Center, Mass. Wanted. Mink Muskrat and Raccoon skins for which I will pay an extra high price. H. A. GOODRICH, 53 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass. 2115. Lost. My Walker Fox Hound, tan with black back and tail, short ears, answers to name of Dick. Has been missing since Monday. Communicate with or return to the fox for reward. MRS. HEALD H. HILL, Groton, Willow Dell Farm. Notice. All persons having bills against the town of Groton will present them before December 23, as on that date the books will be closed. FRANK A. TORREY, WILLIAM H. WHITEHILL, GEORGE T. STEVENS, 2115 Selectment of Groton. Notice. The Appropriation Committee for the town of Groton will meet in the lower Town Hall, December 29, January 5 and 15, 1920, at eight o'clock, P. M. 2115 Appropriation Committee.

Page's Hall, Ayer

Next Monday and Tuesday, December 15 and 16

D. W. GRIFFITH'S SUPREME TRIUMPH



HEARTS OF THE WORLD

First time at Popular Prices Children 15c Adults 25c

Wednesday—FANNY WARD in "The Profiteers" Thursday—NORMA TALMADGE in "Fifty-Fifty" FRIDAY and SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 and 20

Proctor's Strand, Ayer Next Monday and Tuesday DECEMBER 15 and 16



JACK PICKFORD in "In Wrong"

A drama of small town life. The third of Jack Pickford's great plays, and considered by many his best Monday—Ford Weekly. Gale Henry Comedy.

Tuesday—Harold Lloyd Comedy. Last episode of "Smashing Barriers"

Wednesday—VIVIAN MARTIN in "Louisiana," a Paramount picture. News Review. Century Comedy.

Thursday—WILLIAM FARNUM in "The Spoilers," one of Rex Beach's greatest stories, and one of Farnum's greatest Westerns. Big-V Comedy.

Friday—PAULINE FREDERICK in "Bonds of Love." Mack Sennett Comedy. Pictorial Life.

Saturday—WILLIAM WALSH in "The Winning Stroke," a boat-racing romance. Billy Parsons Comedy. News.

THIS SATURDAY ALICE JOYCE in "The Vengeance of Durand," a Rex Beach story. We do not hesitate to say this is the greatest single day production played in Ayer this year. Matinees—2.15 Evenings—6.15 and 8.15

parish as a mission church was raised. Action on the matter was delayed, awaiting the decision of the diocesan authorities.

St. Andrew's Parish. The annual parish meeting of St. Andrew's parish was held on Monday evening, December 8. The members of the church from Porto Village and from Ayer attended the meeting.

Removal Notice. On and after December 15 my shoe repairing shop will be moved to the Daniel W. Fletcher building on West Street, formerly occupied as a barber shop.

ANNOUNCEMENT. We extend a most cordial invitation to the public to visit our bakery at the Vesper Preserve building. An inspection of our plant will surely open your eyes in looking over our equipment.

NOTICE. A petition having been filed against the Charter Federation of Ayer report the charter to the town.

New Advertisements. WANTED—Young Men, 18 to 20 years of age, steady work. ROBT. MURPHY'S SONS CO., Knife Works, Ayer, Mass.

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Special Christmas Sale

TWO WEEKS, COMMENCING DECEMBER 15

- LIMA BEANS, Honey Drop brand, per can 10c. PEAS, Standard York State, per can 11c. PRUNES, Santa Clara, Mammoth, per pound 37c.

E. E. GRAY CO.

The GIFT SHOP. A FEW SUGGESTIONS—ALL GOOD TO GIVE. Tams, Bathrobes, Woolen Gloves, Christmas Cards, Silk Camisoles, Turkish Towels, Boudoir Caps, Children's Handkerchiefs, Tea Aprons, Aprons, Flannel Gowns, Huck Towels, Babies' Knit Things, Sewing Baskets, Women's Sweaters, Boots, Jewelry, Children's Underwear, Umbrellas, Velvet Bags, Comforters, Dolls, Pocketbooks, Military Brushes, Ivory Toilet Ware, Silk and Crepe, Lace Vestees, Sweet Grass Baskets, Bloomers, Flannel Kimonos, Silk Undermuslins, Kid Gloves, Voile Waists, Silk Petticoats, Hair Ribbons, Centre Pieces and Children's Gloves, Silk Hosiery, Scarfs, Georgette Waists, Writing Paper, Philippine Gowns, Blankets.

- AND MANY OTHER ARTICLES NOT LISTED HERE

H. H. Proctor

Holiday Suggestions SPECIALLY FEATURED. Cigars in Boxes of 25 and 50. Cigarettes in Boxes of 50 and 100. Derby, Brighton and Morocco Pipes; also, Fancy Pipes in Cases. Tobacco in Glass Humidors. Cigar Holders. Cigarette Cases. Fountain Pens. A large assortment of Samoset Chocolates in Christmas Packages.

Markham & Hanrahan

P. Donlon & Co. SHOP EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS. We have the largest we ever had of the beautiful Davis line of cards—their entire assortment in fact. Prices from 5c. to 30c. MOST MEN. Appreciate a good PIPE. We will show an extensive line ranging in price from 40c. to \$10. Look these goods over early.

P. Donlon & Co. DRUG STORE. Agents for ACME OLEOMARGARINE. The finest and best substitute for Butter. Can be used on the table. LARD COMPOUND. Cheaper than Lard and gives better Results. FIRST QUALITY WESTERN BEER. YOU ALL know about the sugar shortage, but we have a big line of CANDY and WE ALL know our prices are the lowest in town.

AYER

Special communications of Caleb Buetler of Masons will be held on Monday and Friday evening, December 15 and 19.

Miss Margaret Hume is visiting Mrs. Pearl Curley Moses in Providence, R. I., this week, going last week Friday.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter of Masons will be held on Tuesday evening, December 16, at seven o'clock.

The play 'Old Dog' is the main feature for Friday and Saturday at Page's Hall this week.

Postcards have been received in town telling of the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Blood in St. Petersburg, Fla., on last Wednesday.

Frank C. Johnson and E. H. Longwell attended the session of the grand chapter, A. F. and A. M., in Boston, Tuesday.

The local fire department responded to a call from Harvard last week Friday and assisted in saving the former Shaker Village from destruction.

Alfred Yates, while driving his Dodge truck on Monday night, skidded on the overhead bridge and broke a wheel.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded recently: Ayer, Marion E. Dame to J. M. Friedrich, Louis F. Leitch to H. Girard, Lena Moore et al. to White Ribbey.

The curtailment of passenger service which went into effect on the railroads last Wednesday affected four trains on the Pittsburg division.

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Frank E. Crawford has discontinued his fish business for the present.

Clyde Brooks, of Boston, has been visiting his uncle, Gorham K. Brooks.

Mrs. Gorham K. Brooks and Mrs. James E. Boutwell visited friends in Worcester last Monday.

M. J. Horgan, of Salem, spent the week-end with his son, William F. Horgan.

Miss Flora I. Cole spent the week-end with friends in Worcester.

Charles L. Washburn had an operation performed on his nose Monday, in Nashua, by Dr. Kittredge.

Elmer Blodgett has moved from the Capt. Moses P. Palmer cottage on a third street to the tenement in the Arthur J. Boland house where he formerly lived, on Central avenue.

The annual meeting of Camp Devens B. R. C. of A. was held on Tuesday evening in Dickinson's block.

The officers of the Congregational church are Dr. B. H. Hopkins, clerk; George L. Osgood, A. M. Winslow, C. H. Hardy, prudential com.; Ellis Harlow, treas.

The Ayer Branch Alliance had a very pleasant meeting on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. H. B. Priest.

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The case of Levi V. Berry, proprietor of the New Union House, charged with maintaining a common nuisance, was also continued until Saturday.

The W. C. T. U. held a very interesting meeting at the White Ribbon Home last week Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Harriet E. Sawyer, of Clinton, chairman of the committee from the beginning and now president of the corporation, was present and gave the address of the members.

A short entertainment followed, given under the direction of Mrs. Jennie Chaffin, superintendent of Sunday school work.

At the silver block fox show in Boston on December 10 and 11, 53 black silver and crosses were exhibited.

The Pillman Silver Block Fox Farm, Inc. had two pedigreed black silver foxes entered in class 1, and Mr. Pillman had one pedigreed black fox in class 1, and two silver black foxes from crosses in class 2.

Ernest Whitaker moves his shoe repairing shop to the Daniel W. Fletcher building on West street, where he will be located on and after December 15.

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HOLLIS, N. H. News Items. There were about fifty parents attended the Parents' meeting last week and a very interesting meeting was held.

Hollis High played East Jaffrey High basketball team last week Wednesday, the score being 40 to 15 in favor of East Jaffrey.

Rev. R. M. French attended the funeral of Dana Keyes of Amherst last week. Mr. Keyes was a brother of Bert Keyes of this town and is survived by a wife and several children.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swallow, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Charles Brown, and family, for some months, started for their home in California last week.

The independent basketball team of Hollis will play the East Jaffrey team on Friday night.

Miss Lily R. Eaton returned Tuesday from a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Rodney T. Hardy in Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Frost in Belmont.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hayes of Arlington were callers in town last week. Miss Addie Eastman is going to Belmont next week to spend some time with her sister, Mrs. Walter L. Frost, and family.

Miss Marion Worcester has been elected president of her class at Radcliffe.

Mrs. Francis K. Sweetser, who underwent a serious operation at a Manchester hospital recently, is making a satisfactory recovery.

The friends of Mrs. John (Hardy) Sawyer will be sorry to hear she is again restricted to her bed.

Letters from Miss Van Dyke state that they are pleasantly situated at West Palm Beach, Fla. She speaks of the sugar shortage being acute there—one pound of sugar is allowed with a purchase of one dollar's worth of goods.

Mr. and Mrs. Almond Wheeler have gone to St. Petersburg, Fla., after a week or two at West Palm Beach, preferring the former place.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Powers write they are very comfortable and that Mr. Powers stood the trip to Wallingford in splendid shape.

Mrs. Elizabeth Russell, who is with her cousin, Dr. Emerson, in Lynn, is very well and enjoying her winter home.

Miss Ruth D. Rogers is spending ten days with friends in Portland, Me. George Coburn, who lives at the south end of Silver Lake, says he has never seen it so high at this time of the year.

If your farm is for sale or you wish to buy a farm, communicate with Fred A. Smith, real estate broker, Ayer.

BROOKLINE, N. H. News Items. Mrs. Lizzie Maynard of South Brookline has gone to West Townsend to stay for a few weeks at the home of Mrs. A. A. Stearns.

A fine time was enjoyed by all. There will be another dance on Friday evening, December 19.

There was such a small number out to the Red Cross annual meeting no business was transacted.

Miss Clara Russell and Mrs. Emma Dunbar, muster and lecturer of the Grange for 1920, left Monday for Laconia to attend the state Grange session.

Mrs. Lilla Shattuck, of North Chelmsford, has been visiting friends here the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rockwood have returned to their home in Saugus, Mass., after spending a few days in town.

Postcards have been received from Mrs. Katherine Cady, who is in Washington, D. C. She reports having an excellent time. On one occasion she went to Virginia with Miss Pierce and called on Burnes Marshall.

Mr. Palmquest has gone to the hospital in Grasmere to board for the winter. He suffered a broken hip some months ago.

Little Miss Rita Fowler, who has been staying at the home of Mrs. Grace Campbell for some time, has gone to live with her father, who came after her last week.

Mrs. Eldorus Shattuck recently entertained Mrs. David Marsh, from Shirley Center, Mass. Mrs. Marsh leaves soon for Orlando, Fla., to spend the winter.

The snow which the deer hunters wished for so much arrived, but at present no deer has been captured.

The South Brookline Social club met with Mrs. Lizzie Maynard on Thursday afternoon, December 4, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Chester Barnaby has gone to Waterbury, Conn., for a few days' visit with friends.

Brookline Grange held a special meeting on Wednesday evening, December 3, at which the third and fourth degrees were conferred on a class of ten.

Over 100 were present, and twelve visitors were present from out of town. A harvest feast was served under the direction of Mrs. Edna Hall.

SHIRLEY News Items. The military whist party at the Odd Fellows hall, held under the auspices of the A. K. B. club for girls, was a social and financial success.

The woman's bible class met on last Tuesday evening with Mrs. Charles Wear, Jr.

The school committee have elected Henry Fischer, of Fitchburg, to take charge of manual training in the Shirley schools.

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Edwin Wells Bradley will give a lecture Sunday evening in the Baptist church at eight o'clock.

Mrs. Harry Chandler has been on the sick list for the past week.

Thomas Bennett, of Ayer, formerly of this place, who has been quite sick the past few weeks, is reported as improving.

Fred Farnsworth and family have gone to their home in Wauchula, Fla., for the winter.

torney, which held the close attention of his audience from start to finish.

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Austin M. Fish sailed from Philadelphia last week Thursday on the S.S. Caspar, bound for Havre, France, with a cargo of freight, including Corliss engines, gasoline tractors, barrels of oil and a quantity of Swift's products.

Morton E. Lawrence is making outside repairs on the Universalist church.

Mrs. Abbie J. Wells spent Tuesday in Boston and a D. A. B. reception at the Copley Plaza.

Cook Jacob A. Elmer of K Company, 36th Infantry, Camp Devens, and Miss Anna O'Neill, of Lowell, were married by Chaplain C. O. Purdy at his residence Tuesday.

For the first time at popular prices D. W. Griffith's supreme triumph, "Hearts of the World," at Page's hall, Ayer, next Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Miriam Lacey, of Fitchburg, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph N. Graves.

At the next meeting of the Grange, Tuesday evening, December 16, the lecture's hour will be given up to a Christmas entertainment.

The Center schools will close on Friday afternoon, December 19, for the Christmas vacation, and will reopen on Monday, December 29.

Robert H. J. Holden has been elected a member of the cemetery committee to take the place of Frank J. Lawton, who has resigned.

Mrs. Clarence Clark and baby, of Springfield, are spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

E. J. Miller had the misfortune last week to fall from a load of corn doing, breaking two ribs.

Herbert Thompson, at the North, is the only one reported as having shot a deer during the open season last week.

Horace C. Harris, master of Shirley Grange, is attending the session of the Massachusetts State Grange in Worcester this week.

The Pi Tau Kappa club, which was founded by the pupils of Wesley Dymman, and of which Miss Sara A. Dunn is chairman of the music committee, met on Wednesday evening in New York city for a lecture with piano illustrations by William H. Humiston.

News Items. Mrs. Effie Robbins entertained Mrs. E. S. Baker of Shirley this week at the time of the Rebekah initiation here in town.

The resignation of Miss Alice Cleary, teacher of the fifth and sixth grades at the Grotton school, was given to the school board this week.

Buy a Red Cross Christmas seal—only a penny apiece.

Relatives and friends united in honoring the ninety-fifth birthday anniversary of our most aged resident of Pepperell, Mrs. Walter E. Jewett, at her home on Townsend street, Thursday, December 11.

A pleasant meeting of the East Village Social club was held at the home of the vice-president, Mrs. Alice Ray, on Wednesday, with a large membership present.

The household goods of the late Mrs. Johanna Green, who resided for eight years on Nashua street, were packed by her niece, Miss Stella Duggan, of Nashua, and taken there by truck on Tuesday.

The Red Cross Christmas seal drive asks as little and deserves as much. Any drive in which we have been privileged to join, its benefits reach all of us in some measure, and mothers and children most of all.

Christmas tree for the children. There was a good attendance, bringing good results in the way intended.

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News Items. Miss Bertha Colson has engaged...

Our apologies to Mrs. M. M. Richards for apparently moving her from town last week...

Mrs. Lucy Dow Cushing and Miss Ruth are expected home from Wellesley next week...

Miss Ruth Clark, who formerly resided in town, visited here on Sunday...

H. F. Hobart has purchased a woodland of Ivan Parker on Oak hill, which is to be cut by W. E. Thorpe...

The dance of the Frank West post, American legion, is now placed at an earlier date than was first intended...

Mrs. Gertrude Tarbell entertained Mrs. Sara Barry of Boston over Tuesday night on the occasion of the latter's visit here...

John Melindy, who has been under the care of a physician at his home for some time past, recently went to the hospital at Nashua...

Miss Katherine Lawrence, following the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Spaulding to Lebanon, N. H., for the winter, went to Milford, N. H., where she is with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stacey...

The convalescent men at the Homestead Convalescent Home enjoyed themselves to the limit on Thanksgiving day...

The Community church will have a Christmas tree on Tuesday evening, December 23, at the church.

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SHIRLEY. At the meeting of Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., Thursday evening, the second degree was worked on five candidates...

Boys Organize Club. Eighteen boys accepted an invitation to the paragon last Saturday evening...

LITTLETON. News Items. Mr. Smith, proprietor of the Spring Farm, has sold his farm...

TOWNSEND. Rev. A. L. Struthers' subject for the children Sunday morning will be "The right and wrong way of doing things"...